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SENATOR TAX DODGER

TRY TO ESCAPE \$6,000 IN TAXES.

T. B. Catron and A. B. Renahan invoke Judicial Machinery in Effort to Get out of Paying Taxes. Alleged to be Excessive. Orders Issued in Case.

The orders issued in the Catron and Renahan cases are as follows:

This cause coming on for hearing this 24th day of April, A. D. 1915, before the court in chambers at Santa Fe, N. M., upon the petition of Alexander Reid, District Attorney of the First Judicial District of the State of New Mexico, for and on behalf of T. B. Catron, a resident and taxpayer of the county of Santa Fe, and the court having heard the said petition read, and also the recommendation of the District Attorney of the First Judicial District of the State of New Mexico, and being otherwise sufficiently advised in the premises.

It is ordered by the court that the taxes assessed and levied against the said T. B. Catron for the years 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914 the principal of the said taxes so assessed and levied being \$11,921.89 and the penalty and interest thereon as levied and calculated being \$812.29, be and the same are hereby reduced for sum total of principal, penalty and interest to the sum of \$3,205.33.

It is further ordered by the court that the Collector of the County of Santa Fe make the proper corrections of the tax rolls for the years aforesaid so as to comply with the terms of this order, and to take credit for the amount of the said reduction, being \$4,328.85.

It is further ordered by the court that the clerk of this court issue a certified copy of this order and present the same to the Assessor of said county, and also to the Collector of the said county.

It is further ordered by the court that the clerk of this court tax no costs to the taxpayer for the entering and docketing of this cause.

Dated Santa Fe, N. M., this 24th day of April, 1915.

M. C. MECHEM,

Sitting for E. C. Abbott.

The New Mexican comments as follows on the above:

Hon. Thomas Benton Catron, New Mexico's senior member of the United States senate, distinguished member of the bar, former attorney general, ex-United States district attorney, and now and for many years Republican dictator of Santa Fe county, has invoked the aid of the judicial machinery of his home district to escape the payment of \$4,328.85, alleged to be due in taxes, interest and penalties.

As a direct result, it is said, of his action, and on the broad, general ground of equal benefits for all, special privileges to none, Hon. Alexis B. Renahan, likewise a member of the bar, alderman, Republican representative in the last legislature, and author of the famous "Claybank" bill, also has invoked the same judicial aid to the end that he may be relieved of the payment of \$1,568.20 in taxes, exclusive of interest, penalties, and delinquent sale costs. These latter amount to several hundred dollars additional, and are included under the financial relief demanded and obtained.

Meanwhile, the assessments of the other 3,000 taxpayers of Santa Fe county stand exactly as they were placed on the tax rolls by the county assessor and his assistants, and no benevolent and considerate district official, so far as known, is making the slightest move to investigate the alleged discrimination established against them, much less to correct it.

DISTRICT COURT.

District Court for the Fifth Judicial District in and for Eddy county, will convene in Carlsbad the first Monday in September. The jury commission for the county is composed of C. M. Richards, Rex Wheatley, of Artesia, and Hugh M. Gage, of Roswell.

Among the suits recently filed are the following:

July 30, C. A. Stickney Co. vs. W. H. Rogers and R. Ohnmus. Suit on note—\$300.00.

July 30, Betty Booz vs. Herbert C. Booz, and J. A. Johnson. Suit for portion of property.

July 27, S. W. Savings Loan & Building Association of Las Vegas, vs. John R. Hodges. Foreclosure.

July 21, D. H. Moore vs. Willbur C. and Minnie I. Doss. Foreclosure.

July 24, A. T. & S. F. Ry. Co., vs. Anna Marian Jones, et al. Suit for rents and possession of property.

July 23, S. W. Savings Loan & Building Association of Las Vegas, vs. Hannah B. Stevens, et al. Foreclosure.

July 22nd, Artesia Building Association vs. W. J. Williams et al. Foreclosure.

July 22, A. J. Crawford vs. J. A. and E. E. Hartshorn. Suit on note for \$651.85.

L. J. Wilkins arrived last Friday for a week's visit in Carlsbad. Mr. Wilkins is well known here, having been one of the faculty for Carlsbad high school during the term of 1913-14. He expects to leave for Beaumont, Texas, tomorrow night.

BOYS IN MELON PATCH.

Four boys visited the melon patch of C. N. Jones west of town Tuesday night and met their "Waterloo". The Mexican gardener has been expecting visitors ever since the melons have begun to ripen, so made his bed down in the lower end of the patch and had his gun loaded with fine shot at hand, and when the boys came up they did not tarry and a volley of fine shot helped them find the fence and get over it in any old way. They were met by Carl Gordon who took their names, and it is hoped these little mid-night raids on melon patches and orchards will be no more.

CHARLES BECKER ELECTROCUTED

Former Police Lieutenant of New York City Dies for the Murder of Rosenthal.

GOES TO THE CHAIR GAME AND CLAIMING INNOCENCE.

Asks the Pardon of the Almighty For the Sin of His Execution When He Was Not Guilty.

Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, N. Y., July 30.—Charles Becker was put to death in the electric chair here this morning, for the killing of Herman Rosenthal, the New York gambler. The former New York police lieutenant retained his composure and protested his innocence to the last. He went to his death with a photograph of his wife pinned on his shirt over his heart. Three shocks were given before the prison physician pronounced Becker dead at 5:55 o'clock.

Becker led the way to his own execution. The condemned man sat up all night on the edge of his cot, calmly talking to Deputy Warden Charles H. Johnson.

It was shortly after 5 o'clock when the first of the witnesses of the execution began to assemble outside the prison walls. Quietly, their names were checked off by Deputy Warden Johnson, who directed them to take their places at a gateway that led directly to the execution chamber. Then the witnesses were led to the place of execution in a new death house which had been built adjoining the old execution chamber, where the four gunmen were put to death over a year ago, for killing Rosenthal.

When the witnesses were seated, Deputy Warden Johnson nodded to the principal keeper, Fred Dornier, and they left the room through a small door that led to the death cells beyond, where Becker was praying with his spiritual advisers.

Becker rose to his feet when he saw Johnson and took a crucifix from the hand of the prison priest. To Father Curry, of New York, Becker gave his last message as he took his place at the head of the file of men that marched to the room of death. Becker's message, which he uttered to the priest was:

"I am not guilty by deed or conspiracy, or in any other way, of the death of Rosenthal. I am sacrificed to my friends. Bear this message to the world and my friends. Amen."

The one-time police officer hesitated as he entered the execution room. It seemed to the witnesses as if he was startled that the death chair was so near at hand. He looked quickly at the double row of witnesses, glanced at the floor, swept his eyes over the whitened walls of the room, and then suddenly, as if coming to himself, walked briskly over the rubber mat and seated himself in the electric chair. Behind Becker followed the prison priests, chanting a prayer which was repeated by the condemned man.

"Jesus, Mary, Joseph, have mercy on my soul," nervously spoke Becker, as deputy wardens stepped forward and adjusted the electrodes. Hardly a minute elapsed before the electrode was applied to the right leg. After the electrode had been firmly adjusted against a shaven spot on the back of the condemned man's head, the state executioner looked at Deputy Warden Johnson, who surveyed the figure that was still mumbling the death prayer in the chair. Johnson half-turned his head and the executioner jammed the switch.

The first shock lasted a full minute and the executioner said that it was 1,850 volts and ten amperes in strength. It came while Becker was still commending his soul to his maker.

During the night, Becker penciled on a piece of paper what he captioned "My Dying Declaration." It was taken to the warden's office, where two copies were typewritten, which Becker signed with his fountain pen in a bold hand.

Becker's message, given out just before he went to his death, read: "Gentlemen, I stand before you in my full sense, knowing that no power on earth can save me from the grave that is to receive me. In the face of that, in the teeth of those who condemned me, and in the presence of

my God, and your God, I proclaim my absolute innocence of the fatal crime for which I must die. You are now about to witness my destruction by the state, which is organized to protect the lives of the innocent. May Almighty God pardon everyone who has contributed in any degree to my untimely death. And now on the brink of my grave, I declare to the world that I am proud to have been the husband of the purest, noblest woman that ever lived—Helen Becker. This acknowledgement is the only legacy I can leave her. I bid you all good-by. Father, I am ready to go. Amen.

After his wife had said farewell, shortly after midnight, Becker maintained a casual conversation with Deputy Warden Johnson, who sat beside the screen in front of his cell. Sometimes he smoked cigars after which he would let his head fall upon his hand and gaze reflectively at the concrete floor for minutes at a time. Dawn found him seated on the edge of his cot carefully pinning a photograph of his wife on his white shirt, just over his heart. Then, as if he desired to have her all to himself, Becker put on a thin black alpaca coat, which he tightly buttoned. The photograph was not seen by the witnesses until the prison physician opened his coat as he sat in the death chair.

TWO WEDDINGS, ONE WEEK.

WALKER-WALLACE.

Monday evening, August 2nd, at 8 o'clock at the home of her grandfather, Mr. W. B. Wilson, known as Hopedale ranch, Miss Fern Wallace, and Marion Walker were married.

The wedding was a very quiet one, only the immediate families and a few invited guests witnessing the double ring ceremony, which was performed by Rev. J. T. Redmon.

The bride was beautiful in a gown of white lace over silk chiffon. She carried bride's roses and carnations. Mrs. Wallace and her son, Oppie, entered the room with the bride and bridegroom. Mrs. Walker changed her wedding gown for a becoming suit of blue and a hat to match, and left immediately by auto for Carlsbad where they took the eleven o'clock train for their future home in Clovis.

Mrs. Walker is the only daughter of Mr. Jennie Wallace, who has lived here for a number of years, and has grown to womanhood in Carlsbad where she has a large circle of friends. She was a graduate of the class of 1913 and afterwards took a business course here. She accepted a position a few months ago as cashier for Joyce-Fruit Co.

BILLINGS LEAVE FOR KANSAS.

Wednesday afternoon the Priscilla club called on Mrs. Billings of Malaga to the number of fifteen ladies who with their little ones made quite a crowd. They came principally to bid adieu and good luck to Mrs. Billings who, with her husband, leaves for their new home in Cherryvale, Kan., Saturday. Mrs. Billings served ice cream and cake and the ladies spent a pleasant afternoon.

Last night, Thursday, however, the whole neighborhood with many from Loving, gave the Billings a farewell. There were seventy-five present showing the esteem in which this worthy couple are held in and around Carlsbad where they have resided for about eight years. The Billings are married for a half section near Cherryvale, Kansas, with G. P. McHenry, who, with his family, will be here shortly. Mrs. Billings has been our faithful correspondent at Malaga and it is with regret we note her departure.

A card from Howard Nutt states that he is leaving San Francisco on board the U. S. steamer "Woodard," which is taking machinery expecting to raise the F-4 submarine that sank off Honolulu last spring when 23 men lost their lives.

Christian & Co. INSURANCE.

LUSK-WITT WEDDING.

A marriage that united two of Carlsbad's young people, was that of Miss Georgia Lee Witt and Dolph Lusk at 8 o'clock last night, Thursday, August 5th, at the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Witt. The marriage service was performed by Rev. J. T. Redmon of the Methodist church, in the presence of the relatives and a few girl friends.

The ring ceremony was used. The bride was lovely in a mid-night blue chiffon broad cloth traveling suit. She carried a bride's bouquet of white roses and monette maiden hair ferns. The bridegroom was attired in dark blue broadcloth. After the ceremony refreshments of bride's cake, angle food cake and delicious cream was served, the bridal party left by auto about 8:30 for Artesia, where they joined a party from Carlsbad and all will tour the western coast together and on the return trip see Grand Canyon, Yellow Stone National Park, Salt Lake City, and come home by the Pass City.

Mrs. Dolph Lusk, who is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Witt, and is a true daughter of New Mexico.

A NICE

BRICK of CREAM

FOR SUNDAY DINNER

MAKES A PLEASING DESERT
THESE HOT SUMMER DAYS.

Phone No. 9
—AND IT WILL BE THERE—

The Eddy Drug Store

FINEST ICE CREAM IN TOWN

Drugs — Sundries — Fountain Drinks

Mr. Walker is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Walker and is as well known as his lovely bride. He is a young man of sterling qualities, of no bad habits, attended school here and took a business course with Bartley Draughton Business College in Fort Worth, Texas, held a position as deputy treasurer here, and is now auditor for Curry county. The wedding gifts were many and various, consisting of choice silver, cut glass, and dainty hand embroidered gifts for the home.

The young couple is deservingly popular with all who know them, and the Current joins their host of friends in well wishes for prosperity and a happy wedded life.

Those going from Carlsbad to Hopedale ranch that evening were J. D. Walker, wife, and two sons, Rev. J. T. Redmon, Collin Jerrells, Misses Gladys and Nellie Baker, also Oppie Wallace, W. A. Wilson and wife and little son Page of Roswell.

Bride's cake and ice cream were served to all present.

Early this morning Mr. and Mrs. John T. Truit of Lakewood, one of the earliest settlers of the valley, drove down from their home and will spend the day in Carlsbad.

Paul Gray, wife and baby have been in town since Wednesday registered at the Bates hotel.

Those accompanying them to Artesia in the auto were Misses Pattie Witt, Mabel Austin, and Mabel Hartshorn, Audie and Sam Lusk, and Walter Pendleton as chauffeur. They had no trouble going, but the party returning had tire troubles and reached Carlsbad at an early hour this morning, but left the newly weds safe on board the 11:45 train in the company of Joe Lusk and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Livingston.

The Current hastens to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Lusk and wishes them a long and happy wedded life.

The following wire was received this morning and explains itself to

GEN. VILLA DEFIES U.S.

Those who are wise to the joker: WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM.

Received at 8:10 P. M.

Clovis, N. M., Wm. H. Mailane, Carlsbad, N. M.

The motion of the train rang the bell from Roswell to Clovis.

MARVIN LIVINGSTON.

920-AM

ARMORY NEWS.

The Armory Board met Monday and Tuesday and has employed C. F. Ward an architect of Roswell, to draw up a set of plans and specifications and to supervise construction of the armory building for which the sum of \$17,500 was appropriated by the last legislature. The board considered three sets of preliminary plans, those being submitted by C. R. Carr, and C. F. Ward of Roswell, and Varian & Varian, of Denver, Col., the expense for the plans being also submitted, those of Ward being the lowest and in the neighborhood of five per cent of the entire cost, the exact amount not being given out for publication, at the request of the architect. The contract will be let the last of September. A letter was received from the state treasurer's office to the effect that the armory bonds would probably be sold this week.

Fred Winzenred fell from a swing Tuesday and unfortunately broke his right arm. He tried to step from the swing to the porch when his foot slipped off the porch and he fell back his weight being on his arm. The same arm was broken about a year ago, and was crooked from removing the splints too soon. This trouble makes the arm hard to handle.

Mr. and Mrs. Dearborne went up to Roswell in their car last Saturday and returned Tuesday. While there they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Craig.

STATE FAIR OFFICIALS IN CARLSBAD.

R. E. Putney and R. W. Wiley, president and secretary respectively of the state fair commission spent Friday and Saturday in Eddy county in the interest of the state fair. While Mr. Wiley was unfortunate in having an attack of illness which caused him to remain in his room at the Bates during the day Saturday and until the train left at eleven p. m. He was attended by a local physician who pronounced his trouble an acute attack of indigestion, and brot him out all right.

Mr. Putney attended to the business in a masterly manner, however, succeeding with the aid of Mr. McLenathan in bringing together quite a crowd of the representative business of the county, among them Judge Daaron, of Lakewood, Dr. Culpepper of Dayton, Albert Blake, J. B. Cecil, J. R. Atteberry, O. M. Trotter, W. F. Hollomon and G. R. Brannard of Artesia, all piloted by County Commissioner Whit Wright. A meeting was held at the office of the county board in the court house where an informal discussion was held concerning the part Eddy county should take in the state fair. Mr. Putney presented the question of a state fair in a very lucid talk on the benefits to be derived by the state as a whole from a good state fair, showing what other states have done and the immense good a state fair does to bring in capital and develop the country. He also showed that the fair does much to allay sectional prejudices all over the state and to unite the people. He was asked how much the counties as a rule were spending to prepare and ship exhibits and what the expense for an Eddy county exhibit might be estimated at. He stated that San Juan county had raised \$1,000 to get up and maintain an exhibit and nearly every county so far had responded. He was asked about the legitimacy of the county boards making appropriations for the county to get up and take the exhibits to Albuquerque and stated that matter had been fully defined by the legal authorities and it was certain that the county boards had the authority to assist in their judgment it was for the best interests of the state.

A motion was then made by Commissioner Wright for the county to appropriate \$500 to assist in preparing and shipping an exhibit to the state fair at Albuquerque on Oct. 11. This motion was amended by Commissioner Woodwell to provide that the county appropriate this amount provided that the citizens would raise a like amount by popular subscription. Mr. Wright acceded to the amendment and the motion was put on the amendment by Chairman Beeman of the board, Woodwell and Wright voting aye, while the chairman voted nay, on the grounds that the county was not able to pay the amount, as the general fund from which it must come is to have less than half the coming year it did the past year and the expense is growing. While Mr. Beeman explained his position he stated he favored the fair and would

PANCHO VILLA SAYS U. S. CAN GO TO HELL.

The Greaser, Villa, is Becoming Bold Because of Wrong Policy of Dealing With Him.

El Paso, Texas, August 5.—Reports brought here today were that General Francisco Villa, addressing a gathering of foreign merchants at Chihuahua City, Saturday said: "The American government can go to hell."

It was also reported that he confiscated a number of stores belonging to foreigners; took 42 Mexican merchants in jail in order to raise a forced loan, and later executed six of them.

According to these merchants, General Villa stamped up and down the room where the merchants, foreign and Mexican, were assembled Saturday in the governor's palace and shook his fist in the faces of the thirty or forty assembled. Some of the foreigners were brought to the meeting under guard.

"I am going to take your business for the benefit of the state," he declared. "Your employees will remain here and conduct the business under the direction of my agents, you have been stealing from the people for your selves."

"Tomorrow, at noon, a train will be ready to take you foreigners to the border. We are poor here and I will not send bread or water on the train. Meanwhile, you Americans and Germans and Frenchmen, my telegraph wires will be open to you and you can protest to your governments."

"If the American government does not like my actions, it can go to hell. I have been fighting for twenty years and I am willing to fight as many years more."

The tirade ended, it was said, with a general order for the confiscation of all stores in Chihuahua by his government.

Among the foreign firms affected by the order was the general supply store of Ketelsen & Dettgau, the hardware business of Krakauer, Zork & Moye, the jewelry store of E. H. Booth, the merchandise store of L. W. Thompson, the dry goods house of William Bunsow and had a dozen others.

The train which was to carry the foreigners to the border was due to leave Chihuahua City Sunday at 11 o'clock. It had not arrived at the border up to noon today.

Among the foreign owned plants taken over by the Villa government is the Jabonera Cotton Seed Products company, said to be a British corporation representing an investment of about five million dollars. This company is known to have paid a quarter of a million in loans to the Villa government.

The state treasurer of Chihuahua was ordered to place the state seal on the doors of all confiscated stores, according to the merchants who arrived today and General Villa is alleged to have declared that if a seal was broken the owner of the store would be shot.

It was in the face of these events that a second meeting of the merchants with General Villa was called for yesterday in the hope of securing a modification of the alleged wholesale confiscation. The result of this meeting has not reached the border. The mining men in Villa territory are to meet with General Villa today to hear the demands of General Villa for money.

WARSAW TAKEN BY GERMANS

Berlin, Aug. 5.—(By Wireless to Tuckerton, N. J.)—Warsaw was taken this morning by German troops, according to official announcement made at German army headquarters.

Yesterday and last night, Bavarian troops under the command of Prince Leopold broke through the forts of the outer and inner lines of the city's defenses, where the rear guards of the Russian troops made a tenacious resistance.

do all he could individually to help it. A committee consisting of three of which two are from Carlsbad and one from Artesia was then appointed by the board to solicit the funds to be raised by popular subscription and to manage the county donation. The committee named was C. H. McLenathan, T. E. Williams, of Carlsbad, and O. M. Trotter of Artesia. Mr. McLenathan has since decided his health will not permit his serving as some other name will be substituted later.

The work of raising the funds will be pushed and from the tone of the people from Hope and the other towns we may confidently expect Eddy county to land the big prize of \$1,000 for the best exhibit at the state fair.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk:

July 29, M. A. de Jesus Blanco and Lazario Pirez of Carlsbad.

July 30, Patricio Bustamante, Lake Arthur, and Lulalia Pas of Dayton.

August 2, Miss Fern Wallace and Marion Avant Walker, of Carlsbad.

August 3, J. I. Frank and Miss Azilee Morgan of Artesia.